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SUBJECT: PROG CLAIMS US CARRIER CRUISES OFF BINH DINH PROVINCE

1. AT REGULAR PRG/DRV PRESS BRIEFING SATURDAY (AUGUST 10), PRG SPOKESMAN, SENIOR COLONEL VO DONG GIANG, CHARGED THAT THE US AIRCRAFT CARRIER RANGER HAD BEEN HOVERING OFF BINH DINH PROVINCE AUGUST 8 AND 9 IN "PRG TERRITORIAL WATERS." HE SAID THE RANGER HAD BEEN SENT TO TERRORIZE AND INTIMIDATE THE PEOPLE IN DEFIANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE "PRG LIBERATED ZONE." WHEN QUESTIONED, COLONEL GIANG SAID HE HAD LEARNED OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER'S PRESENCE THROUGH A PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST ON AUGUST 9 BY NLF RADIO.

2. EMBASSY WILL REFER PRESS QUERIES ON PRG CHARGE TO DOD, WASHINGTON, WHICH IS NORMAL PRACTICE WHEN ASKED ABOUT MOVEMENTS OF US NAVAL VESSELS AT SEA.

3. "PRG" CLAIM TO TERRITORIAL WATERS IS, OF COURSE, RIDICULOUS.
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